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A MANILA MURDER.

Manila papers reports that Mr. George R. Ray committed suicide under most dramatic circumstances in Manila on July 21. Deceased, at the time of his death, was employed as a travelling drug sales man, and became infatuated with Miss Grace Wilson, a vaudeville artiste, who for some time was appearing in one of the local cinematograph halls, during a visit to Hongkong. On her leaving to take an engagement with the Apollo Theatre in Manila he followed her there to pay his attentions. On the day named he met Miss Wilson after the performance at the theatre and together they went for a carriage drive to Newport. On the return journey to Manila, Ray made a proposal of marriage, and on being refused remarked that he would be dead before reaching the city. Following on this remark he poured a phial containing prussic acid into a bottle of beer and drank the contents before Miss Wilson could prevent him. A passing motor party conveyed the unconscious man to the general hospital where he died shortly after admission. Deceased, it is stated, was madly infatuated with the vaudeville artiste, and on several previous occasions had proposed marriage to her but each time met with refusal.

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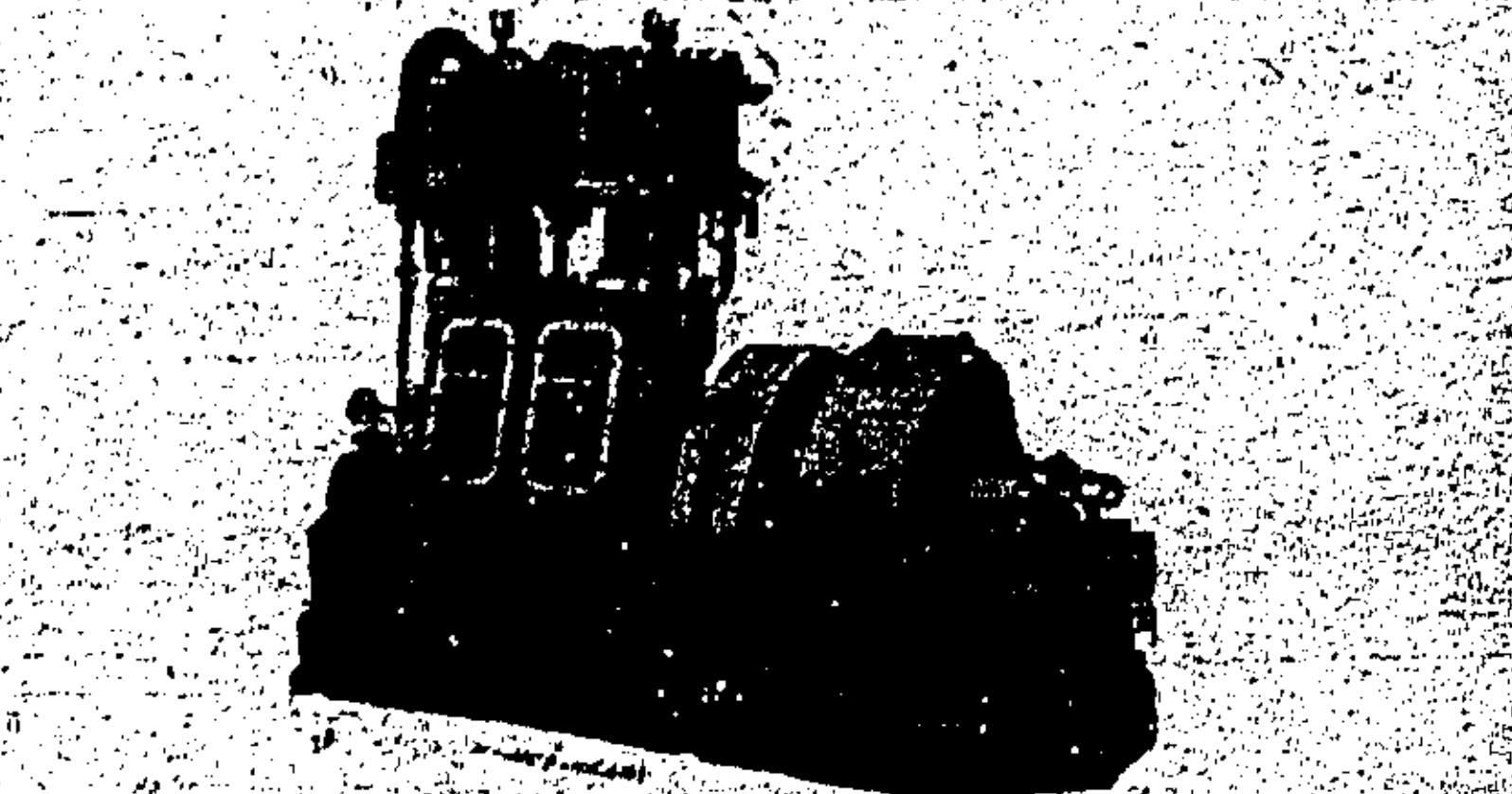
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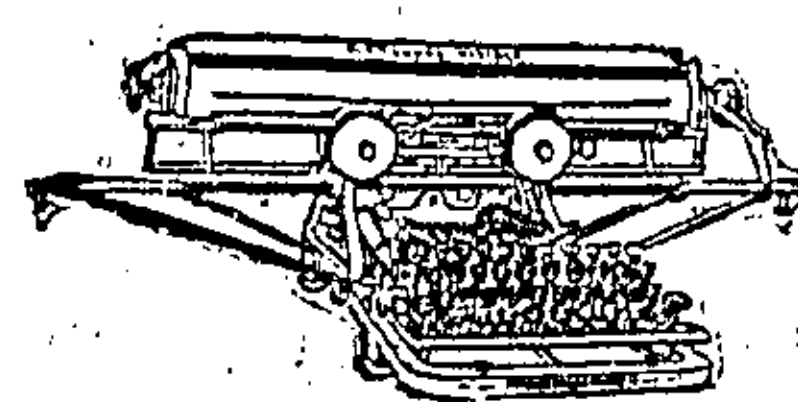
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"I am very well disposed towards the friends of our friends. Hence I am animated with the best dispositions towards the English nation. I fervently wish it well. And for that reason I have read with a certain uneasiness the accounts in the Press of the Constitutional conflict which is now going on there. And not without reason.

To begin with, you already possess excellent institutions. We in this country have often admired them. We put them in a casual relation towards the greatness of your Empire and the success of your policy. And my first impulse on learning that you are eager to change them was to exclaim, "See that you do not exchange them for others that will disorganize your temperance." For, in my opinion, there are no political institutions which can be called good or bad in themselves. Their quality depends upon their mode of operation and upon the result they achieve, and these in turn depend upon how they suit the needs, the character, the degree of culture, the past history and the present ideals of the nation. Personally, I am a Republican, but only for my own country. I should not think of advising all nations to adopt the same form of government merely because it suits us best.

Coming now to particulars of the reform projected, I must say that I concur in the contention that a Second Chamber, armed with the right of vetoing measures adopted by the elected Deputies of the first, is a desirable piece of mechanism in parliamentary government. Nor does it offer anything calculated to impair the force of the national will. It serves as a guarantee that the Chamber of Deputies, or the House of Commons, will not abuse the power delegated to it by the nation, whether carried away by a wave of enthusiasm or in consequence of other circumstances. It is a wise precaution to entrust the House of Lords with power to prevent a bill of national importance from becoming law if that bill aims at making changes which the Upper Chamber regards as harmful to the nation. The second branches of the Legislature ought to be able, whenever the occasion demands it, to appeal from the elect of the nation to the nation itself, and to look to it for the final decision.

On the other hand I would not invest the Peers with greater powers than are adequate and necessary for the specific end in view. Hence I would not confer upon them an absolute veto without appeal. That, it seems to me, would be going too far. Let them have a suspensive veto limited as to time. This arrangement is congruous with the idea we conceive of a representative regime. But I hold that, in order to override the judgment of the House of Lords, there should be at least two appeals to the country, i.e., two General Elections, turning upon the contested bill. In this way, the people should resolutely and persistently make manifest their will to effect the change against which the Lords have set their faces. Whenever there is a proposal before Parliament, the adoption of which would tend to a breach of the political unity of Great Britain, the solution of such a delicate problem ought not, I hold, to come from the House of Commons only. The majority of the whole country should also have an opportunity of saying "Yes" or "No" clearly and formally, and of repeating that answer after the lapse of a certain time, before the will of the Lower Chamber

should be carried out in defiance of the will of the Upper Chamber.

And now with regard to the composition of a reformed House of Lords. It is possible that the hereditary principle which was alone admitted heretofore, held too high a place in the mechanism of the English Legislature, and that the time has come for limiting it probably. I am not prepared to contest this thesis. On the contrary, I feel disposed to look favourably upon the suggestion which has already been put forward, that the limitation should be effected by introducing the elective principle into the peerage, and laying it down that a certain number of Lords shall be returned to the Upper House, there to represent their order.

ELECTION OF PEERS.

That seems satisfactory enough as far as it goes. If you tell me that elections, unrestricted by class qualifications, are also desirable, and would be welcomed, I have nothing to oppose to the proposal—nothing, indeed, to remark except what I began by saying, that I hope you may get institutions as good as those which you are giving up. The system of nomination appears to me likewise to be an excellent expedient. It would give the Upper Chamber that infusion of outside life of which it is in sore need. Scholars, admirals, generals, retired administrators, captains of industry, merchant princes, men of letters, would find their way to this branch of the Legislature, and the nation would enjoy the benefits of their experience and their wisdom.

From what I have already said, you will gather that I am not opposed in principle to the introduction of the much-discussed Referendum. It may prove of great help in cases of national emergency, when even the Upper House is not strong enough, to cry halt to the Commons, yet believes that the 'contentious measure would injure the national interest. For that reason I think the Conservatives were well advised in throwing their proposal into the arena. Objections have been made to this institution, if introduced into England, drawn from the assumption that it can work smoothly and without danger only in small States like Switzerland. Well, I am not of this opinion, I hold the contrary view. I believe it will work well in England, not because of the territorial extent of your island, but because of the eminently practical character of your people. With the remarkably developed public spirit of the English race, and the strength and depth of their national sentiments, there can be no harm whatever, while there may be much good, in the submission to the popular decision of momentous questions of national policy.

And now let me add as a friend of England that I ardently desire that the conflict now raging may be settled in the shortest possible time, and that the Constitutional crisis, which has already lasted for too long, may be ended by some satisfactory compromise. It is to be hoped that when the nation has emerged from this ordeal, it may not allow domestic problems of a secondary order so far to monopolize its attention as to keep it away from the role which it has been so successfully playing in the politics of the world. For it is in the highest interests of the English nation, and also of the friends of that nation, that it should persevere in maintaining its place in the forefront of the world's politics. And an internal crisis like the present does not conduce to that end.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the General Managers on the 9th day of August, 1911, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of considering the Report and Accounts to 30th June, 1911, and to transact any business that may be transacted at an Ordinary General Meeting.

Notice is given that the TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 1st to 9th August, 1911, both days inclusive.

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MEMO FOR TO-DAY.9 p.m.—Bandmann Co.'s Performance at
Theatre Royal, City Hall.**General Memoranda.**TUESDAY, August 1.—
8.30 a.m.—Trooping of the Colours by
R.O.V.L.
3.45 p.m.—Sanitary Board Meeting.
Bantam Championship Boxing Match at
Circus.THURSDAY, August 3.—
King of Norway's Birthday (1872).
2.30 p.m.—Legislative Council Meeting.MONDAY, August 7.—
Bank Holiday.
9 p.m.—Organ Recital at St. John's
Cathedral.TUESDAY, August 8.—
Noon.—H.K. C. & M. Steamboat Co.'s
Meeting.WEDNESDAY, August 9.—
Noon.—Ordinary General Meeting of
Hongkong & South China Steam Fish-
eries Co., Ltd.
5.30 p.m.—Annual General Meeting of
the Victoria Recreation Club.THURSDAY, August 10.—
10.55 a.m.—Full Moon.**The China Mail.**

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, JULY 29, 1911.

THE EUROPEAN SITUATION.

SINCE we last had occasion to refer in these columns to the Moroccan question the situation has taken a turn which can only be described as serious, and one which has created the greatest anxiety throughout the Continent of Europe. It is one of the ironies of life that at a time when peace-making treaties are the talk of the nations a seemingly insignificant incident should suffice to arouse the war-like instincts of powerful nations and point the way to ugly possibilities of armed conflict. In the affair under notice it is not so much the definite acts of a particular country or the decided declarations of its statesmen which have tended to encourage the belief that the situation has become strained and acute. Rather has it been the guarded statements from certain quarters and the ominous silence in others which have given rise to a feeling that all is not as it might be in international relationships. There has certainly been no distinct rupture between Britain and Germany, but, reading between the lines, it becomes obvious that there is some danger of a clash in the points of view of the two Powers on the Moroccan question. To the superficial observer it might appear strange that this should be so, inasmuch as Britain, unlike both France and Germany, has put no foot on Moroccan soil. But it has to be borne in mind that France is in Morocco by common consent of the Powers, whereas German intervention is not so generally approved. This is where the friction begins.

For ourselves we cannot see what good grounds Germany has for putting a finger in the pie. She, as well as Britain and Spain, has recognised by Agreement France's peculiar position in Morocco and has admitted the latter's obligation to preserve internal peace and order in the Sultan's Kingdom. If, as appears to be the case, her contention is that

France is prolonging her stay unduly long and has sinister intentions in the Sherifian Empire, surely the right way of objecting is not to further complicate matters by meeting aggression with counter-aggression. A protest and an exchange of confidences with the other Powers interested would be more in accordance with approved custom. Then, too, the fact that Germany has established herself far from the actual seat of trouble does not tend to increase faith in her bona fides. Agadir, where the German naval force has been landed, is far removed from the part of the Kingdom in which Germany says the Sultan's power has vanished. If Britain and not Germany had suddenly made the move which the latter country has, one wonders what Berlin would say? We are glad to see that in this matter the British Government's attitude has been firm but not provocative. Nothing could more plainly show that Britain intends seeing bare justice done than the declarations of Mr Asquith and Mr Lloyd George. Their utterances have, as becomes responsible statesmen, been calmly and cautiously made, but at the same time there has been no possibility of misinterpreting their meaning. It has been made perfectly clear that in matters where British interests are vitally affected the British Government is determined to insist on fair play. But there is to be no going out of the way to discover interests. For the moment the British plan is to leave Germany and France to arrive at a solution of their differences, if they can, and as long as such an agreement is reasonable to the parties chiefly concerned and British interests are not prejudiced, no objection will be raised. But we rather doubt whether France will willingly consent to any "territorial arrangement" with Germany in West Africa. Why should she? If she had admitted that she intends to permanently establish herself in Morocco one could understand her acquiescing in German demands for compensation. But this is precisely what she has not done. Where, therefore, France may ask, does the question of compensation come in? Compensation for what?

Hence we are much afraid that it will be a long and tedious process for France and Germany to find a basis of agreement. In the event of no solution being reached, we can quite appreciate Mr Asquith's statement that the situation would become increasingly embarrassing and anxious. However, we sincerely hope that out of darkness will come light. The need of the hour is that the statesmen, the Press and the public of both countries should remain cool, level-headed and rational. Jingoism and alarm can only produce disastrous effects. It is certainly gratifying to note that Mr Asquith's declarations have had the effect of removing from German official circles the false conceptions which had been formed of Britain's attitude. Germany apparently now recognises that England has no axe to grind in the matter but is simply bent on seeing equity and fair-play observed. With the removal of groundless suspicions, the situation certainly assumes a rosier hue. If only the leaders of public opinion in both countries endeavour to view the case a little more from the other's point of view and fling the policy of distrust to the winds, there is every reason to hope for a continuance of the good relationship between Berlin and London which the best British and German thought so anxiously desires.

NAVAL MOVEMENTS.

H.M.S. Kent has arrived at Wei-hai-wei after her cruise to South America.

H.M.S. Bramble has arrived at Wei-hai-wei from Shanghai.

H.M.S. Thistle leaves this afternoon for Shanghai calling at Foochow or Amoy en route.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

To-day's quotation for Para rubber, per Messrs. Vernon and Smyth, is 4s. 9d.

The plague return sheet to-day was inscribed "nil".

The insular government is to lend the city of Manila P100,000 to be devoted exclusively to permanent public improvements.

Eight persons in all were injured by the explosion of the bomb, on the Fraya on Friday, in addition to the little boy who was killed.

The new matinee at the Star Ferry pier was commenced to-day and is practically completed. It is restricted to the first-class section.

At the result of the tour of inspection of the War Minister, the increase of the Army of the Far East from three Corps to four is being considered by the Russian central Government.

The famous Han Ping Chien troupe of magicians, jugglers and acrobats are to perform for three nights only at the Empire Cinema Theatre, commencing on Wednesday night next.

A fish torpedo was picked up by a steam trawler off Iki Island and brought to Shimoda recently. The machine of the kind used in the Japanese Navy is probably a relic of the late war. As found it was partly decomposed but its powder cell was still intact.

Whilst the torpedo boat destroyer Kagero was engaged in certain operations near Takebiki naval station, Tsushima Island, on the 30th ult., the breach coil of a three inch gun exploded, one bluejacket being killed at the time and two others injured, one of them seriously.

The casualties in connection with the celebration of the Fourth of July in America were 13 deaths and 394 wounded (by fireworks, toy cannon, and shooting of blank-charges in celebration of the day) throughout the country. This is the smallest casualty list on record.

The British steamer Byculla, for which Messrs. Samuel, Samuel and Co. are the local agents, left Yokohama recently for Kobe, where she was to be sold to Japanese. Another British steamer, the Nerubudda, now lying in Yokohama, will shortly be placed under the Japanese flag in Kobe.

The financial statement issued by the Hongkong Treasury for the month of May shows that on April 30th there was a balance of assets and liabilities amounting to \$1,515,775.32; that the revenue during the month totalled \$555,018.46 and the expenditure \$531,065.72. There was thus a balance at the end of May of \$1,540,727.08. The assets on 31st May totalled \$7,315,121.14, and the liabilities \$5,775,394.08.

On the 7th inst. Admiral Togo invited many flag-officers of the British Navy to a dinner at the Claridge Hotel, London. Among the guests were Ambassador and Mrs. Bate, Lord Rieadale, Fleet Admiral Sir Arthur Wilson, First Lord of Admiralty, Fleet Admiral Seymour, who was Commander-in-Chief of the Allied Forces during the Boxer trouble, Admirals Troubridge and Lambton, who were formerly Commanders-in-Chief of the China Squadron, were also present.

Dr. Noson director of agriculture at Manila, has received a letter from Professor C. V. Piper, former expert of the U.S. department of agriculture, who has been in Hongkong en route to the United States. In the letter Professor Piper speaks very enthusiastically of the fruit grown in the vicinity of Hongkong, many varieties of which he says would be suitable for culture in the Philippine Islands. Among the varieties he mentions is the grape-fruit, which he thinks would do very well in the Philippine climate.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

To-morrow is the sixteenth anniversary of the accession of King Victor Emmanuel III. of Italy.

Mr Robert Hunter has been appointed a surveyor of boilers of unlicensed steamships under 60 tons burden.

Admiral Togo has been unanimously elected an Honorary Vice-President of "The Knights of the Round Table" Club.

Leave of absence, on private affairs, to the neighbouring countries, has been granted to Captain T. M. Wakefield, R.G.A., from 30th July to 28th September, 1911, inclusive.

A New York dispatch says that Admiral Togo will be entertained at the White House by President Taft. Other entertainments are also arranged in honour of the distinguished visitor, including those by the Secretaries of State, War, and Navy. The Admiral will visit the naval ports and fortresses on the Atlantic coast.

S.S. EMPRESS OF CHINA ASHORE.

Passengers and Mails Safe.

The news that the C.P.R. liner Empress of China, which was due to arrive in Hongkong on Thursday next, August 3rd, has gone ashore at Cape Horn, at the entrance to Tokyo Bay, has been received with great regret in the Colony. The report was circulated yesterday, and to-day Mr D. W. Craddock, the General Traffic Agent of the C.P.R. in Hongkong, informs us that he is in receipt of a confirmatory advice from the Company's Yokohama office. This states that the mails and passengers have been landed and both arrived in Yokohama yesterday morning, the 28th. It is expected that the mail for China ports will be forwarded on to their destinations by the N.D.L. s.s. Luettow, leaving Yokohama this morning, the 29th.

As to details covering the actual accident to the steamer, none have been received at the Company's Hongkong office and it is not anticipated that any details will be telegraphed here, as the chief matter of interest to the company locally is the safety of the passengers and mails. A representative of the China Mail enquired at the office whether there were any passengers for Hongkong on board the ill-fated ship, and was informed that although no names of such people were known here it was certain that there would be about a score at least booked through to this port.

The unfortunate steamer is one of the well-known and popular "Empress" fleet. Her gross tonnage is 5,905 and she was built in 1891 at Barrow. Her commander is Captain R. Archibald, R.N.R. The steamer was last in Hongkong on June 10th, when she left for her regular Canadian run. She left Vancouver again for Hongkong, via usual ports of call, on the 14th inst., and, as stated, was due here on Thursday next.

TROOPING THE COLOURS.

Tuesday's Arrangements.

The ceremony of Trooping the Colours will be performed by the 1st Bn. The King's Own (Yorkshire Light Infantry) on the Hongkong Cricket Club Ground at 9.30 a.m. on August 1st, on the occasion of the 182nd anniversary of the battle of Minden. His Excellency the Governor has kindly consented to take the salute.

Three enclosures will be provided—One for Officers and ladies with their friends near the saluting base; entrance by main gate near south side of ground. One at S.E. corner of the ground for W.O.s and sergeants with their families and friends; entrance gate at S.E. corner of the ground. One for the N.C.O.s and men (below the rank of sergeant) of the Garrison, with their families and friends, in front of the Cricket Pavilion; entrance gate at S.W. corner of ground.

THE SANITARY BOARD VACANCY.

By-election Arrangements.

It is notified in the Government Gazette that, by command of His Excellency the Governor an election of one member to the Sanitary Board will take place at the City Hall on Tuesday, the 8th day of August, 1911, commencing at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. This is to fill the vacancy caused by Mr Shelton Hooper's resignation.

It is explained that the following persons will be entitled to vote at the election:—(a.) Such persons as are included in the Special and Common Jury Lists for the year 1911; (b.) Such persons as are exempt from serving on Juries on account of their professional avocations or on account of their being Members of Council or on account of infirmity or of their being over the age of sixty years.

The name of every candidate must be nominated in writing by one elector and seconded by another and the nominations delivered to the Registrar of the Supreme Court not less than four clear days before the day fixed for the election. Every nomination has to be personally handed to the Registrar by the candidate or his nominator or secondor.

In the event of the election being contested voting will commence immediately after the nominations have been read and continue until 6 p.m., when the ballot-box will be closed.

KULIANG NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

The Foochow Hill Resort of Kuliang is fuller than ever this year. Many new houses have been built and there are nearly a hundred foreign residences on the heights and in sheltered hollows where coolness and rest take the place of the heat and humidity of the valley below. Already nearly every house is full up, or engaged and there is no room for another person without undue squeezing.

The Chinese port office is in good working order, and there are many Chinese boats on the hill, so that there is not much difficulty in getting provisions, etc. It is much cooler than the plain, and blankets are needed at night. There has been fair share of mist and rain weather during the early part of July, but the weather is beautifully fine and cool just now.

THE MOROCCAN AFFAIR.

BETTER FEELING IN GERMANY.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

The London Press emphasises that the significant feature of the statements made by Mr Asquith and Mr Balfour was that they are evidence of national unity, and interprets the Prime Minister's speech as meaning that there is ample ground for a fair Franco-German adjustment, and no reason why it should not be reached.

BRITISH ATTITUDE UNDERSTOOD.

LATER.

Reuter's message of the 28th instant stating that Great Britain was convinced that any settlement outside Morocco which France accepts would not be prejudicial to England, has been accepted by Berlin as finally disposing of alarmist reports.

The Bourse has displayed renewed firmness. The Press admits that Great Britain has a voice in deciding the fate of Morocco, and generally welcomes the assurance that Great Britain is holding aloof from Franco-German negotiations regarding compensation in regions outside Morocco.

FALSE SUSPICIONS REMOVED.

LONDON, July 29.

Reuter learns that there is at present no question of summoning a Conference of the Powers on the Moroccan question. German official circles welcome Mr Asquith's declaration as putting an end to the false conceptions formed of Britain's attitude.

THE VETO SQUABBLE.

LANDOWNE'S SUPPORTERS INCREASING.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, July 28.

The organisers of the Halsebury banquet refuse to publish a list of the Peer supporters of the "no-surrender" policy present at the banquet.

The Daily Mail understands that the majority of them have withdrawn. It is stated that Lord St. Aldwyn is pledged to lead fifty Peers in the Government Lobby if a division is forced.

LATER.

The list of Lord Lansdowne's supporters is growing, and it is generally doubted whether the "No-surrenderers" are sufficiently numerous to compel the creation of Peers.

The Standard and Daily Mail banner the "Die Hards," the latter remarking that there never was such a fiasco.

DOOM OF THE TRUSTS.

AMERICA'S DETERMINED STAND.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, July 28.

A Washington telegram states that Mr Wickham, the Attorney-General, announces that the Department of Justice is planning the immediate prosecution of all trusts and monopolies which are not dissolving or otherwise taking steps to obey the Sherman Law as interpreted by the Supreme Court in the Standard Oil and other cases.

CARDIFF STRIKES ENDED.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, July 28.

The strikes at Cardiff have been finally settled.

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S.S. EMPRESS OF CHINA AGROUND.

(Independent News Agency's Service to the China Mail.)

Tokyo, July 29.

The S.S. Empress of China ran aground at Cape Horn, at the entrance of Tokyo Bay, in heavy weather, at 5 o'clock on Thursday morning.

The passengers have all been safely taken on board the Japanese warship Asao as well as the mails and part of the cargo.

The Asao arrived at Yokohama yesterday. The remainder of the cargo is being landed with all possible dispatch. The damage to the vessel is said to be considerable. There is a big hole in her side and the salvage operations will only be carried out with great difficulty.

AVIATION.

BRITAIN BUYS WINNING MONOPLANE.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, July 28.

The monoplane with which M. Beaumont won the Daily Mail prize has been purchased by the British Government.

PLAGUE ON A CHINESE CRUISER.

TEN DEATHS.

(Wah Tei Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, July 28.

When the Chinese Cruiser Haichi was en route to America from England there were a number of cases of plague on board, there being no less than ten deaths from that disease.

ATTEMPT TO BLOW UP ARSENAL.

(Wah Yat Tei Po's Service.)

PEKING, July 28.

H.E. Chao Erh Huan, Viceroy of the three eastern provinces has sent a telegram to the Cabinet stating that revolutionists attempted to blow up the arsenal at Mukden but that their efforts were unsuccessful. The Board of Military has sent a telegram to the arsenal authorities directing them to take every precaution.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

MEXICAN RUMOURS.

WASHINGTON, July 22.

Reports reaching the state department from its agents in Mexico indicate that that country is in grave danger of entering upon a reconstruction period which may result in more war.—Columbian American.

THE UNIVERSITY.

Suggested Chinese Bazaar to Raise Funds.

A meeting was held at Government House on Tuesday afternoon to consider the proposal to hold a Chinese fair or bazaar, probably in March next, in order to raise further funds for the endowment of the university. Those present included Hon. Mr. A. W. Broom, C.M.G., Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, C.M.G., Hon. Mr. Wei Yut, C.M.G., and eighty Chinese gentlemen including all the prominent Chinese residents.

On the suggestion of H.E. the Governor the gentlemen present decided to form themselves into a general committee for the purpose, and asked His Excellency to be their Chairman, to which he agreed with pleasure. It was proposed that a preliminary committee should be formed to draw up an outline of proposals to be submitted for the consideration of the general committee. It was decided that when the proposals of the preliminary committee had been submitted to and approved by the general committee the latter should select an executive committee to undertake the organization of the work.

RAMBLING NOTES.

We've had another lucky escape from the full fury of a typhoon. The dread rioter is never welcome here, and consequently we have to thank Macao for doing the entertaining this time. The big body of griffins to whom I referred last week have been strutting about since Thursday contemptuously addressing to every old hand they meet some such query as this:—"Call that a typhoon, do you?" They were frankly disappointed. But perhaps they'll adopt a different mind before the year is out. One such typhoon as we had in 1896 is enough for a lifetime.

Poor old Kowloon was quite isolated all day on Thursday. Those who lived on that side considered themselves lucky they had a full day off. Most everybody donned their oldest tog and went forth to have a "look see," but there was little to gratify their curiosity. One or two of the more conscientious folk, I am told, spent the greater part of the day on the ferry wharf waiting to see whether the launches would run. But they were very few in number.

Thinking of typhoon weather recalls a choice bit of superstition of which I heard this week. Fearing that he might encounter rough seas on the way up, a visitor from Shanghai procured a good stock of remedies for sea-sickness. Just before going aboard he remarked to one of his friends seeing him off, "By Jove, I've forgotten the notepaper dodge." "The notepaper dodge?" queried the other; "what on earth's that?" "It's like this," replied the Shanghai man—"You get a piece of notepaper, write across it the words 'I'm not going to be sick,' place it on your tummy and leave it there for half an hour. Then the electricity passes through this into your body, and you can't possibly be sick." When the explanation was ended the listener burst into hearty laughter, thinking this one of his friend's little jokes. But this only roused the other's indignation; he was quite serious about the matter and believed in what he was saying. And in Shanghai he is regarded as "one of the boys," too!

We all know that faith worketh wonders, but who among us would be willing to rely alone on such a scheme as that for preventing *mal de mer*? I suppose if one only "held the thought" it would be all right. That assured, the remedy could be applied in any way—even swallowing the notepaper would probably be quite as effective.

Hongkong has followed the Veto crisis at Home with deep interest. But everybody deplored the disgraceful scene in the House of Commons of which we had news on Tuesday. M.P.'s seem to have totally lost their heads, and the treatment accorded the Premier was not compatible with British love of fair play for everybody. However, it was refreshing to see next day that some of those guilty of unruly behaviour had the decency and good grace to apologise to Mr. Asquith.

We've got a little Constitutional crisis in Hongkong, too. The House of Commons (represented by the Sanitary Board) has long jibed at the veto of the Upper Chamber (the Legislative Council), whose latest automatic step has led to the resignation of that sturdy champion of the People, Mr. Shelton Hooper. Certainly it looks as though Officialdom has again willfully snubbed the only bit of representative element in the Colony's government, and one can quite understand Mr. Hooper following Mr. Henry Humphreys' lead and giving up in disgust.

The pity of it is that no anti-Veto campaign can be initiated in Hongkong. If we could only overthrow the power of the Peers of the Legislative Council what could the forces of democracy not do? We might even get Home Rule for Kowloon!

I suppose we shall have a bye-election now to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Hooper's resignation. That is if anybody can be found to take up a thankless task. "Down with Bureaucracy!" should make a good battle-cry for the People's champion. Or Mr. Asquith's favourite expression, "The will of the People must prevail," might be given a trial. The only awkward point is that we cannot threaten the Glided Chamber with the exercise of an equivalent to the King's prerogative.

RAMBLER.

KAIFONG RESCUE SHIP.

WRECKED CHINESE.

The s.s. Kaifong, which arrived in port yesterday, reports having rescued a number of Chinese from a wrecked junk on the 26th inst.

At 8.30 in the morning, while off the N. W. of the island of Lazon 15° 39'N 119° 26'E approx a dismasted junk was sighted about the starboard beam. The steamer was turned about and bore down on the wreck. All hands were called and a life boat lowered, after taking up a position to windward, as there was a heavy sea running at the time. After two hours' work, the shipwrecked sailors (16 all told) were rescued, and made comfortable. They did not seem to have under gone any great privation, though judging by the way they were throwing up their hands as the boat approached, they were evidently glad to be taken off the wreck.

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THE TYPHOON IN THE NEW TERRITORY.

The combination of high tide and north-east gale wrought considerable damage to the Tai-po road in the neighbourhood of Shatin on Thursday. The embankment forming the road is completely breached in one place, and for a length of half a mile the road has been reduced to half its width and for a further length of a mile it has been entirely denuded of metalling.

The railway embankment round Tolo harbour has suffered, but not so seriously as to cause any immediate danger. The railway pier at Tai-po also felt the force of the storm, but being merely a mass of rubble stone it cannot easily be demolished. The surfacing has been carried away, leaving only a very rough path from the launches to Tai-po station.

CLAIM FOR BOARD AND LODGINGS.

At the Supreme Court this morning, before Mr Justice Gumpert, Two King Koo sued Li Mo, to recover \$148.80 for provisions supplied, money lent and interest.

Mr Otto Kong Sing appeared for plaintiff and Mr B. Johnstone defended. Mr Otto Kong Sing said the claim for provisions was really board and lodgings. Defendant was a seaman and was living at plaintiff's boarding house, Taum-tai, in December 1906. He remained there for five months at the rate of \$4.50 per month. During that time he also asked plaintiff to supply provisions to another person and they were supplied to the extent of \$13.50. Defendant also borrowed \$80 from plaintiff on January 11, 1907, at an agreed interest of three cents per dollar a month. On December 15, 1908, defendant repaid \$20 on account of principal and \$30 interest up to that date, leaving a balance of \$40 principal with interest which had accrued. Defendant also paid \$3 in June of last year.

Evidence was called.

His Lordship gave judgment for plaintiff and costs.

PROMOTION BY "INFLUENCE."

Civil Servants Warned.

The following despatch appears in the Hongkong Government Gazette from the Secretary of State to the Colonies:—

DOWLING STREET,
17th June, 1911.

SIR—I have the honour to refer you to Mr Chamberlain's circular despatch of the 13th of December, 1897, and to inform you that it appears that the influence of Members of Parliament and others in this country is still sought by some officers in the Colonial Service as a means of bringing their services to the notice of the Secretary of State with a view to consideration for promotion.

The objection to such procedure is obvious, but, as it does not seem to be sufficiently realized in some quarters, I shall be glad if you will take steps to make it known again to public officers serving under your Government that this procedure is disapproved. Among other means this and the preceding circular should be published in the Gazette.

Arrangements are in existence in this office which ensure due consideration of the claims of all suitable officers on the occurrence of vacancies in the service. The attempts which have recently been made to obtain promotion by irregular means have not been of advantage to the officers concerned.—I have, etc.,

L. HARCOURT.

THE BANDMANN OPERA COMPANY.

Hongkong gave a hearty welcome to the Bandmann Opera Co. on its return visit last night. The delightful musical play in three acts, "The Quaker Girl," was presented, and its production was tip-top. Splendidly staged, the costumes superbly effective, the music of the best, and the dancing altogether seductive, it was not to be wondered at that everybody spent a happy evening. Miss Madge Vincent in the title rôle was at her best. She was vivacious and fascinating to a degree, especially in "I love thee," and "Tony in America," while her dainty dancing was gracefulness itself. The part of Princess Mathilde was taken by Miss Jennie Poole in the regretted absence of Miss Nancy Rosier, and she rose to the occasion remarkably well. Miss Dorothea Temple, who again figured as Madame Blum, had a great reception. She did her part to perfection, and her song, "Petticoats," was one of the hits of the evening. Miss Lily Drury kept things going in her interpretation of the character of Phoebe, the Princess's maid, and Miss Ethel Caryllon gave a capital study of the part of Diana, a Parisian actress. Mr Bobby Roberts gave a scintillatingly funny interpretation of the backsliding Quaker; Mr James McGrath was admirable as Capt Charteris; Mr Alfred Faith gave a clever impersonation of the chief of Police; and Mr Henry Rankie was equally successful as Monsieur Dubouché, the Minister of State. Mr T. C. Maxwell scored a big success as Prince Carlo, his songs being particularly good, while Mr Fred Coyne as Tony Orlato kept the audience in a state of rapture. His graceful dancing was a treat to witness. Other parts were in capable hands.

The audience was not of big dimensions, but that was scarcely to be marvelled at considering the inactivity of the season. The wonder was that such an average-sized crowd turned up in a dirty, dirty theatre, which, despite the fact that it is in the middle of summer, possesses not a single electric fan.

NOTES ON WILD LIFE.

In Hongkong and South China.

(Specially written for the "CHINA MAIL" by the Rev. G. A. Buxby, M.A.)

[These notes are the results of observations made during the past few years, in the intervals of Mission work. They do not profess to be exhaustive. It is hoped that they may serve as finger-posts to other observers in this interesting field.]

Reptiles.

A somewhat old but most readable book, "Buckland's Curiosities of Natural History," has a delightful frontispiece representing a class of auto-didactic animals, under the guidance of an ichthyosaurusian professor examining the skull of a man. "Gentlemen," says the professor, "the jaw-bones of the animal are so small and its teeth so puny that it is a wonder how it is able to obtain its food." At which remark the reptile-students grin, and show their gigantic teeth, now known chiefly as fossil remains. A glance at the list of reptiles given below will show how few survive of a class of animals which once were the majority of living creatures. The list is given from the British Museum Guide to the Gallery of Reptiles. Many sub-orders, even orders, have disappeared: these are marked with a dagger.

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| Order. | Existing Sub order. |
| 1. Ornithosaurus (Pterodactyls) | |
| 2. Deloncosaurus | (Three extinct sub orders) |
| 3. Crocodilia | Eusuchia (Crocodiles) |
| | R. vera (Tuataras) |
| 4. Rhynchocephalia | |
| 5. Pelycosauria | |
| 6. Squamata (Scaly things) | 1. Ophidia (Snakes)
2. Lacertilia (Lizards)
3. Rhiptoglossa (Chamaeleons) (two extinct sub-orders) |
| 7. Ichthyosaurus | 1. Athesa |
| 8. Chelonia (Tortoises and Turtles) | 2. Cryptodira |
| | 3. Pleurochida |
| | 4. Trionychidea (one extinct sub-order) |
| 9. Saurapterygia | |
| 10. Theromorpha | |

The order crocodilia includes both crocodiles and alligators in the popular meaning of these words. Crocodiles have a much wider geographical distribution than any other members of the order. The crocodile's distinguishing feature is the notch in the upper jaw into which the fourth lower tooth is received. Of true alligators there are two species, the North American and the Chinese (*Alligator sinensis*). The latter, now known in the Yang-tze Kiang only, was apparently known near Amoy in historic times (see vol. 1). It is smaller in size than the American alligator, and has thin long plates on the lower surface. Specimens may occasionally be seen at shows in Hongkong.

The fourth order is now represented only by the Tuatras of New Zealand.

SQUAMATA.

Sub-order 1, Snakes.

This sub-order is divided into nine families of which the first includes the pythons, the second, third, fourth and fifth the burrowing snakes, the seventh the typical snakes (*Columbidae*) and the ninth the vipers. The Colubridae, including nine-tenths of the sub-order. They are divided into three series: (a.) those whose teeth are solid and ungrooved, usually harmless; (b.) those whose hind teeth in the upper jaw are grooved, usually venomous but not deadly; (c.) those whose upper front teeth are grooved or perforated, all deadly.

South China has a large number of species of snakes. Cobras are found at the Peak; rock pythons on the Kowloon hills. In Canton, Snake-shops may be found near the Customs Office, at which various species may be obtained. One such shop makes a specialty of "cold drawn snake-gall ointment." Snakes abound also in the paddy-fields of the Delta.

The Pythons.—*Python reticulatus*, Chinese name "tai nam she"; locally, Loh Fau Mt. 8-10 ft long; 1½ inches in diameter; said to be "black and scaly with a mottled neck." "Can eat fire." The Chinese note truly that it "puts forth legs when dead, but not in life." pythons alone of snakes have the remains of leg-bones, in the form of two small claws. The skin of this snake is used as a parchment for one form of Chinese stringed musical instruments. (Hongkong Museum 150).

THE TYPICAL SNAKES.

A. Asphyx, with solid teeth.

Of these there are at least seven kinds in this district, all harmless.

1. Orange-headed snake ("Wong Tau She"); head a brilliant orange, back black, brown and white; found in paddy fields in the Delta generally during the Summer. Length about 2 ft.

2. Red-headed snake ("Hung Tau She"); common on Shatin Hills; back, dark green with red flecks between the scales on the shoulder; belly, greenish white; length, 12-20 inches.

3. The Chinese "Mo Yai she" also found on Shatin Hills. The peculiarity of this snake is that the scales are arranged on the skin like the plating of a whip. Back, dark grey with black interwoven; belly, yellow with brown dotted longitudinal lines and red flecks (H.K. Mus. 289).

4. This and the next are water snakes. ("U Tai She"). General colour, light green, with red-brown blotches on back. 3 ft long.

5. "Shan She". Back, mottled dark brown and black; belly white. The writer has watched these two kinds of snakes

in the pools near the Marble Rocks at Shatin. Their movements, as they pursued the little fish in the pools were marvellous of grace and agility.

6. Red flower snake ("Wong fa she"). A land snake, also seen at Shatin, very commonly found in the dikes which confine the West River. Its colours are sombre, the back being dusky green, and the belly white.

7. "The water-pencil" ("Shushai lut"). The largest of the harmless snakes which I have met; some specimens measure 3 ft. and weigh 2 lbs.; may be seen in the Cant snake-shops; it is not used as a medicine, but eaten as a luxury. The Chinese note that it changes its skin once every 40 days. They also distinguish two varieties, one dark brown without markings; the other with black markings on dark green. These are said to come from different districts, and not to be found together in the same place.

8. *Opis kopylopa*, (venomous but not deadly.)

1. Green Bamboo Snake ("Ting Chuk She"), often found in undergrowth in Hongkong and Kowloon; back, dark green, belly, light green. The Chinese, without reason, suppose this snake to be a lizard; length 15-18 inches. H.K. Mus. 183-190.

2. The "Three-armed" Snake ("Saam Sok She"); *Comptosia radiata*, general distributed in the freshwater water; the back is yellow-brown with black markings, (some what like a hair-brush). The Chinese fear this snake, and eat it. A transverse section of this snake would be almost triangle. H. K. Mus. 19-131.

3. The Brown Water Snake ("Wong Shui She"), common among the paddy in summer; 5 ft long; back, light and dark green mottled; belly, buff with black stripes; said by the Chinese to be poisonous; not deadly.

4. The Golden Leopard ("Kam Tai Pa'u"). I have only seen this snake for sale in Hongkong; said to have been brought from Shun Tak District; length 2½ feet; circumference, the size of a shilling. The back had black patches on a dull tawny ground; the belly, black on white ground; said to be venomous, but not deadly. A broth made from this snake is said to be beneficial in rheumatism of the lower limbs.

C. *Proteroglyphs* (all deadly.)

1. The Banded Krait ("Kam Kouk She"); *Bungarus fasciatus*; bright yellow and black in rings; length, 6-8 feet; used in medicine for rheumatism and sciatica; a section of this snake is also markedly triangular.

2. *Bungarus semi-fasciatus*, ("Poh K'i She"); 2-3 feet; black and white rings alternating; less common, but not less deadly than the above. H.K. Mus. 21-217.

3. Cobra (*Naja tripudians*). The Chinese name for this snake ("Fan She T'ai") is most expressive, since when its hood is raised it is exactly the shape of the small metal spade used by Chinese cooks to stir the rice as it is being steamed.

VIPERS.

This family differs from the typical snakes in the following details:—(1), the presence of long perforated fangs in the upper jaw which make the bite more severe; (2), the head flattened and usually triangular in shape, the body being plump and the tail short; (3), the pupil of the eye is elongated, to suit its nocturnal habits; (4), the female does not lay eggs, but the young are born well-developed. There seem to be two vipers known in this district:—

1. *Trimeresurus evahynus* (?) ("Kwo Shu Yung"); 5½ feet long; diameter, 8 inches. The back and belly are light brown, with dark flecks at the angles of the scales. Just after peeling, however, this snake is of a beautiful ivory colour, which gradually darkens. This snake is said to be arboreal and to frequent bamboo-groves. Its colour would harmonize well with that of the stems and dried leaves.

2. The pit viper ("T'o Fa She"), *Trimeresurus gramineus*. I have met this snake chiefly on the grassy sand-banks on the shore of Kowloon Bay, and near a river in Hok-shan, but believe it is common where there are grassy meadows and light soil. In February its colour was a light grey-green; in May it is said to develop black V-shaped marks at the back of the head and rose-coloured flecks; the Chinese say that it eats fish. The English name is given from the deep hollows between the eyes and nostrils.

It has often appeared strange to me that though both in India and China there are tens of thousands of men working barefooted in the fields, yet the deaths from snake-bite, so terribly common in India, are rare in China. By enquiry I find that no case of deadly snake-bite had this year occurred in the central part of Tsang-shing District from Chinese. New Year till the middle of July, though that district is entirely agricultural. What is the cause?

(To be continued).

SPORTING.

Aquatics.

At the aquatic sports of the 1st Bn. K.O.Y.L.I. to be held at Naval Ordnance Canton on Tuesday, August 1st, there will be a one mile race open to the Naval and Military Garrison at 6 p.m. Post Entries. Prizes—1st \$10, 2nd \$10, 3rd \$5.

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At the meeting of the Sanitary Board on Tuesday afternoon the orders of the day included:—Minutes by the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon relative to a case of anthrax in the Kennedy Town Cattle Depot; minutes by the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon recommending that Sergeant Mackay at Shamshipo be authorized to enter premises and inspect and seize food in accordance with section 83 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903; correspondence relative to the training of nullahs; arrangement of duties of Sanitary Inspectors during the latter half of 1911.

TRAGEDY IN HANKOW.

A shocking tragedy occurred early on the morning of July 16, in Hankow, when Mr Sandri, an employee of Messrs Kolzineier and Rocketroh, attempted to commit suicide by shooting himself through the lower jaw with a rifle of the Italian Volunteer corps service type, blowing away the jaw but not inflicting a mortal wound. He was immediately conveyed to Dr. Rogers' hospital where, after his injuries had been attended to, he made a second attempt on his life, by seeking a pair of scissors and attempting to cut his throat. Before he could do any damage however he was placed under restraint.

The following day he was conveyed to the Roman Catholic Hospital in a critical condition.

SOUP, CHAMPAGNE AND HYGIENE.

If anybody were asked to suggest why the soup plate was made broad and shallow the almost certain answer would be that such an arrangement facilitates the cooling of the soup to a temperature comfortable to the mouth. We believe that utilitarian drink: take out of a soup for the same reason. While that may be the explanation of the peculiar shape of the soup plate, the advantage indicated is surely in significant contrast with the obvious disadvantages which may probably arise from exposing so large a surface of nutrient food to the air. Soup should be served in a deep, low broad tureen, and the method, which is becoming more usual, is by jellies. The deep, a vessel would be an error on the other side; its advantage would be cancelled by its great drawbacks. We should mislead by its false display of the soup. Some of the delicate flavours of the soup, as well as the taste can be appreciated. In narrow deep plates the soup may miss appreciation altogether.—The Ladies.

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ANPING & TAKAO (Direct) SOSHU MARU

SATURDAY, 29th July, at 4 p.m.

TAMSUI via SWATOW & AMOY DAIGI MARU

SUNDAY, 30th July, at 10 a.m.

FOOCHOW, via SWATOW and CHOSHUN MARU

WEDNESDAY, 2nd Aug., at 10 a.m.

Fair speed, Superior passenger accommodation. Electric light throughout.

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IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINES.

For

STEAMERS

Tons

To Sail

NAPLES, GENOA, ALGIER, LUTZOW, GIBRALTAR, SOUTHAMPTON, TON, ANTWERP & DUNKERQUE

WEDNESDAY, 9th Aug., at Noon.

SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBÉ & YOKOHAMA

PRINZ LUDWIG, Capt. L. Masau.

About WEDNESDAY, 9th August.

MANILA, YAP, MAROKIN, SAMAR, RAI, NEWGUINEA, BRISBANE, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE

PRINZ WALDEMAR, Capt. F. Iscke.

SATURDAY, 12th Aug., at 4 p.m.

KOBÉ and YOKOHAMA

PRINZ WALDEMAR, Capt. F. Iscke.

About SATURDAY, 29th July.

JESSELTON, KUDAT & SANDAKAN

JOHNE, Capt. F. Sembl.

10,000 Middle of August

All the steamers of the European Line are fitted with Wireless Telegraphy, New System of Telefunken.

For further Particulars apply to

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Shipping

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LD.

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

For	STEAMERS	To Sail
TIENTSIN via SWATOW, AMOY, & FOOCHOW	CHEUNGSHING	SUNDAY, July 30, Daylight.
SHANGHAI via SWATOW, AMOY, & FOOCHOW	YUENKANG	SUNDAY, July 30, Daylight.
MANILA	YUENKANG	SATURDAY, Aug. 5, at 9 p.m.
SHANGHAI, KOBÉ and MOJI	FOOKSANG	TUESDAY, Aug. 8, at Noon.
SINGAPORE, PENANG and CALCUTTA	KUTSANG	TUESDAY, Aug. 8, at Noon.

RETURN TOURS TO JAPAN. (Occupying 21 days).

The Steamers Kutsang, Nameng and Fookang leave about every 3 weeks for Shanghai, returning via Kobe (Inland Sea) and Moji to Hongkong.

These vessels have all modern improvements and are fitted throughout with Electric Light.

A duly qualified Surgeon is also carried.

* Steamers have superior Accommodation for first-class Passengers, and are fitted throughout with Electric Light.

* Taking Cargo on Through Bills of Lading to Yangtze Ports, Chefoo, Tientsin and Newchwang.

* Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to Kndat, Lahad Datu, Singapore, Tawau, Uaklan, Jesselton and Labuan.

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JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., General Managers.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LD.

SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

For	STEAMERS	To Sail
SHANGHAI	CHUNHWA	July 29, Midnight.
SWATOW, WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & YANTOU	Yochow	July 30, Daylight.
TIENTSIN	CHUNHWA	Aug. 1, at Noon.
TSINGTAI & NEWCHANG	NANCHANG	Aug. 1, at 4 p.m.
MANILA, CEBU & LOILO	KAIPOING	Aug. 3, at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	CHUNHWA	Aug. 5, Midnight.

DIRECT SAILINGS TO WEST RIVER—Twice Weekly.

S.S. "LINTAN" and S.S. "SANTU"

AUSTRALIAN STEAMERS have superior accommodation, with Electric Light throughout and Electric Fans in the State-rooms. A duly qualified Surgeon is carried.

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PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION

DESTINATIONS.

STEAMERS.

SAILING DATES.

MARSEILLES, LONDON

WEDNESDAY, 2nd Aug., at Daylight.

ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO AND PORT SAID

WEDNESDAY, 16th Aug., at Daylight.

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PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

HOMEWARD PASSENGER SEASON 1911.
PROPOSED SAILINGS OF MAIL STEAMERS

MARSEILLES & LONDON,

TAKING PASSENGERS ALSO FOR

COLOMBO, INDIA, AUSTRALASIA, EGYPT, BRINDISI, &c.
THROUGH TICKETS ISSUED TO BOSTON AND NEW YORK.

Steamers	Tons	Leave Hongkong	Connection Steamers from Calcutta to London	Due Marseilles (Brindisi 2 days earlier)	Due Plymouth (London 1 day later)
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DELHI	8000	Aug. 5	Moldavia	10000	Sept. 3
DEVANHA	8000	Aug. 19	Morea	11000	Sept. 17
ARCADIA	7000	Sept. 2	Mongolia	10000	Sept. 30
DELTA	8000	Sept. 16	Mooltan	10000	Oct. 14
ASSAYE	7500	Sept. 30	Malwa	11000	Oct. 28
DELHI	8000	Oct. 14	China	8000	Nov. 11
DEVANHA	8000	Oct. 28	Maedonia	10500	Nov. 25
ARCADIA	7000	Nov. 11	Marmora	10500	Dec. 9
DELTA	8000	Nov. 25	India	8000	Dec. 23

Passengers change steamers at Colombo, and those for Brindisi transfer also to the Express Mail Steamer at Port Said. Accommodation in the connecting steamer from Colombo is definitely reserved in Hongkong or at time of booking.

FARES TO LONDON (including Surtax).
1st Saloon £71.10 Single, £106.14 Return.
2nd " £48.8 " £72.12 "

In addition to the above Mail Steamers the following:-

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WILL LEAVE FOR

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Steamers	Tons	Leave Hongkong	Due London
SYRIA	6900	August 9	September 24
NORE	6700	August 23	October 8
SARDINIA	6500	September 6	November 5
SUNDA	4700	October 4	November 17
SUMATRA	4800	November 1	December 14
MALTA	6000	November 15	December 28

These Steamers call also at Singapore, Penang, Colombo, and Marseilles.

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Via SHANGHAI.

For	STEAMERS	CAPTAIN	To SAIL
SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA	TOURANE	LANCERIN	July 31, about 4 P.M.
MARSEILLES, Via Ports	ARMAND BEHIC	GUYONNET	Aug. 1, at 1 P.M.

TRANS SHIPPING on the Co's Steamers at SINGAPORE for S. YAVLA, at COLOMBO for CALCUTTA, BOMBAY and AFRICA, a Port Said for the LEVANT, CONSTANTINOPLE and BLACK SEA.

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NEXT SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG

Outward	Home Ward
For Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama	For Havre, Bremen & Hamburg
S.S. AMBRIA.....28th July	S.S. SUEZIA.....1st Aug.
S.S. ALBESIA.....9th Aug.	S.S. LIBERIA.....9th Aug.
S.S. FREIENFELS.....25th Aug.	For Rotterdam, Hamburg & Antwerp
S.S. SUEVIA.....6th Sept.	S.S. SEGOVIA.....12th Aug.
S.S. SACHSEN.....20th Sept.	For Havre, Hamburg & Antwerp
S.S. BAYERN.....6th Oct.	S.S. SAXONIA.....13th Aug.
	For Marseilles, Havre & Hamburg
	S.S. SILESIA.....21st Aug.

For further Particulars apply to

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE, Hongkong Office.



PHILIPPINES STEAMSHIP Co.

Steamship	Tons	Captain	For	Sailing Date
YUBI	4,000	S. Crosby	Manila, Cebu & Iloilo	Monday, July 31, at 4 p.m.
ZAFIRO	4,000	M. O. Smith	Manila, Cebu & Iloilo	Thursday, Aug. 10, at 4 p.m.

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Shewan, Tomes & Co., General Managers

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REGULAR SERVICE FROM HONGKONG TO

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Carrying Cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Overland Common Points.

STEAMER	TONS	CAPTAIN	ON OR ABOUT
OSTERIE	11,000	JAN. FINLAY	4th August
SUVERIC	11,000	F. COWLEY	22nd August
KUMERIC	11,000	G. MCGILL	23rd September

To be followed by other steamers of the Company at regular intervals.

The BANK LINE Steamers are of the Newest Design, have most Commodious Accommodation and are fitted throughout with Electric Light and Wireless Telegraphy.

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22nd July connecting with s.s. Katanga...12th August.

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(MANAGING AGENTS).

Hongkong, April 1, 1911.

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REGULAR SERVICE FROM CALCUTTA TO RIVER PLATE.

THE Steamers of this Service provide Quickest transit from the Orient to the Argentine.

Cargo carried on Through Bills of Lading from Hongkong to River Plate Ports transhipping to Conference-Weir Line steamers at Calcutta.

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Frequent Sailings. End August. End September.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (Subject to Alteration).

Steamer Tons Captain Date of Sailing

* NIPPON MARU.....11,000 H. S. SMITH.....Friday, Aug. 18, Noon.

* CHIYO MARU.....21,000 W. W. GREENE.....Friday, Sept. 15, Noon.

* AMERICA MARU.....11,000 A. G. STEVENS.....Friday, Oct. 6, Noon.

* TENYO MARU.....21,000 E. BENT.....Friday, Oct. 13, Noon.

* Triple Screw, turbine engines. * Twin Screw.

All steamers are equipped with the Japanese Government Wireless Telegraph and Post Office.

The Twin Screw Steamer NIPPON MARU will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA & HONOLULU, on FRIDAY, 18th August, at Noon.

FARES FROM HONGKONG, £ 45.0.0, Single. £ 60.0.0, " £ 71.10.0, " £ 120.0.0, Return 6 months. £ 125.0.0, " £ 240.0.0, " £ 270.0.0, " £ 570.0.0, " SALINA CRUZ or MANZANILLO. YEN. 670.00, " VALPARAISO.

SPECIAL RATES (first-class only) are granted to the undermentioned and their families when travelling at their own expense.

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KING'S BUILDING (Opposite Blake Pier)

Hongkong, January 27, 1911.

Shipping.

THE EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP CO. LIMITED.

MAIL SERVICE TO AUSTRALIA.

MAIL SCHEDULE (SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION)

STEAMERS	ARRIVE HONGKONG FROM AUSTRALIA	LEAVE HONGKONG FOR AUSTRALIA
ST. ALBANS	Aug. 23	Aug. 19th, at Noon
ALDENHAM	Sept. 8	Sept. 18th, at Noon

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Hongkong, November 2, 1908.

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CAPTAIN T. W. GARLICK.

VIA

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NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA, Agents.

Hongkong, July 1, 1911.

THOS COOK & SON.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship, ELBERT,

having arrived, Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuable, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns and/or extra-tariff Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon and West Point Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 2nd of August will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on the 2nd of August, at 5.30 a.m.

All claims must reach us before the 6th of August, 1911, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Underwriter.

This Steamer brings Cargo:

Ex s.s. Orizaba from Zanzibar.

Transhipped at Aden.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, MELOERS & CO., General Agents.

Hongkong, July 28, 1911.

FROM EUROPE.

THE M.A.L. Steamship AMBRIA.

Captain FREDTJERN, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk into the Godowns and/or extra-tariff Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Company, Limited, whence delivery may be obtained against Bills of Lading countersigned by the Underwriter.

Optional Cargo will be carried on unless notice to the contrary be given to us.

All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 1st prox., will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods must be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on the 31st inst., at 9.30 a.m.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

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